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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's Division of Music will present its Ouachita Jazz Band in concert on Thursday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Performing Arts Center on Ouachita's campus. The concert is free and open to the public.

"I think the audience will enjoy the concert," said Dr. Craig Hamilton, Ouachita's Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music and director of bands. "We are playing a wide variety of jazz styles from New Orleans Dixieland to Latin to Swing and more!"

The concert will include "Check Your Swing" by Doug Beach, "Mueva Los Huesos (Shake Your Bones)" by Gordon Goodwin and "Fancy Pants" by Sammy Nestico. The band will also play "Loop 360" by Rick Lawn, "In Summer" by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez and arranged by Rick Stitzel and "Work Song" by Nat Adderley and arranged by Erik Morales. The concert will conclude with "The Mudbug Strut" by Paul Baker, "Solar" by Miles Davis and arranged by Rick Stitzel and "Dat Dere" by Bobby Timmons and arranged by Mark Taylor.

Esther Atkinson, a senior musical theatre major from Rogers, Ark., will be the vocal soloist for the concert. She will sing "Night and Day" by Cole Porter, "Isn't it Romantic" by Lorenz Hart and Richard Rodgers and arranged by Dave Wolpe and "A Wonderful Day Like Today" by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley and arranged by Lennie Niehaus.

"It's been a dream to sing with a band behind me, never mind singing jazz with some of Ouachita's best instrumentalists," Atkinson noted.

"Expect to walk away with a few of the tunes stuck in your head," said saxophonist Sierra Westberg. "My favorite piece is 'Mueva Los Huesos' because it's challenging yet rewarding to play. It's also super fun."

Members of the Jazz Band include:

On saxophone—C.J. Slatton (alto), a senior instrumental music education major from Paragould, Ark.; Sierra Westberg (alto), a junior instrumental music education major from Arkadelphia, Ark.; Kailee Morehart (alto), a freshman music and theatre double major from Alexander, Ark.; Andrew Martin (tenor), a senior theatre arts major from Hot Springs Village, Ark.; Andrew Lockhart (tenor), a junior worship arts major from Rogers, Ark.; Austin Clements (tenor), a sophomore social justice studies major from North Little Rock, Ark.; and Morgan Taylor (baritone), a junior music industry major from Hot Springs, Ark.

On trumpet—Blake Turner, a senior instrumental music education major from Fort Worth, Texas; Justin Trostle, a sophomore music industry major from El Dorado, Ark.; and Dalton Heinsohn, a junior instrumental music education major from Hallsville, Texas.

On trombone—Cayli Campbell, a junior instrumental music performance major from Texarkana, Texas; Bryson Clegg, a junior music and political science double major from Malvern, Ark.; Andrew Coop, a freshman worship arts major from Gladewater, Texas; and Mac McCaffrey, a freshman instrumental music education major from Allen, Texas.

On rhythm—Tyler Sanders, a junior music industry major from Arkadelphia, Ark., on piano; Caleb Smith, a junior instrumental music education major from Conway, Ark., on bass; Beaux Schmidt, a junior music industry major from Wylie, Texas, on guitar; and Winston Gentry, a senior music major from Houston, Texas, on drums.

The concert also will be livestreamed at www.obu.edu/band. For more information, contact Dr. Craig Hamilton at hamiltonc@obu.edu or (870) 245-5137.

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